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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Another Political "Golden Age." When James Monroe was elected fifth President of the United States in 1816 there were only 34 electoral votes cast against him. Four years later he was re-elected with every electoral vote cast for him, save one. Party lines were broken down, and this is known as "the era of good feeling," or, "the Golden Age" in our political history.

Reduced to the last analysis are we not now at a second "golden age" in our political history? That is to say, will not the historian of the future so write it, when he views it calmly with the ripples on the surface eliminated and when the play of party passion has vanished? Why not?

This scribe is no politician, and certainly is he neither prophet nor son of a prophet. But it requires neither to see that the people as a whole are not furious over the present political situation, and are so far refusing to go wild for their "favorite candidate." And, come to think of it, why should they fly into fever about a candidate?

All admit that Mr. Taft is President Roosevelt's candidate, was nominated as such, and is, tacitly if not avowedly, pledged to carry out the Roosevelt policy. On the other hand Mr. Bryan, and his ardent admirers, claim that wherein Mr. Roosevelt's policy is popular and praiseworthy the same was copied closely after, and is in pursuit of, the Democratic doctrine as expounded by Mr. Bryan. So it is understood everywhere that a vote for Mr. Bryan is a vote for the larger part of, if not for all of, the policy of President Roosevelt.

In either instance President Roosevelt must feel himself very much esteemed and flattered.

This is well. For it comes to this. The time has arrived when people are thinking some on their own account, when, as in the days of Monroe, prejudice and passion may be laid aside, and the situation, as it is, may be viewed, and dealt with, in the best and broadest fashion, according to the dictates of prudence, wisdom and good fellowship.

Mob Law in Springfield. The recent race riot, and mob law, in Springfield, Illinois, during which some half dozen men lost their lives, and the torch was applied to negroes' houses, was a most regrettable and deplorable affair. We doubt if circumstances arise anywhere that justify lynching and house burning by a mob. And we are certain that nothing more thoroughly demoralizes a community, and does so much to alienate a people's affections from law and government as does mob violence. In such times the animal in man gets the better of him and mad passion runs rampant to do its worst.

Then the tragedy and the sad comment of the Springfield riot become more apparent when it is remembered that this was once the home of Abraham Lincoln, the friend and benefactor of the colored, as well as of the white race, of this great country, and that his remains lie buried near the scene of the riot in a Springfield tomb. Then add to this Lincoln's immortal words on lynch law which, delivered many years ago, were a warning to his townsmen and to all of us against this very thing. Read them as follows:

"Such are the effects of mob law, and such are the scenes becoming more and more frequent in this land so lately famed for love of law and order, and the stories of which have even now grown too familiar to attract anything more than an idle remark. But you are perhaps ready to ask, 'What has this to do with the perpetuation of our political institutions?' I answer, 'It has much to do with it.' * * * I know the American people are much attached to their Government; I know they would suffer much for its sake; I know they would endure evils long and patiently before they would exchange it for another—yet, notwithstanding all this, if the laws be continually despised and disregarded, if their rights to be secure in their persons and property are held by no better tenure than the caprice of a mob, the alienation of their affections from the Government is the natural consequence; and to that sooner or later it must come."

Lynching is confined to no section of our country and is deplorable in the North, as in the South.

Men's Heads. The Pope of Rome. Head of the Roman Catholic Church, (claimed to be) St. Peter's Successor, High Pontificate of the Papal Sea, and all the rest, with all his grace and dignity can actually be "funny" and make you laugh.

Recently the Council of Rome voted to abolish religious teaching in the municipal schools. Whereupon "his Holiness" is quoted as commenting in this forceful, if not very "fatherly," fashion: "Some men's heads need changing. When a bell is cracked we recast it, making it sound perfectly again. It is a pity some men's heads cannot be treated in the same manner." I believe that Protestants as well as Catholics will agree that "some" men's heads are "cracked" and consequently need treatment. Also, and likewise, their heart. Some have thought that even the Pope of Rome might be helped with either head or heart treatment.

Seriously, why is the Pope furious and "funny" about religion being taught in the public schools of Rome where the religious training has heretofore been all Catholic, and conversely, is serious about religion not being taught in the public schools of this country where the predominant teaching is Protestant? Yes, some people's heads need treatment.

Because of the alarming increase in the use of cocaine, and its injurious effects upon the human system, our government has prohibited its being sent through the mails.

The government has made petition for a rehearing by the United States Court of Appeals of the case against the Standard Oil Company in which the decision of Judge Landis fining the Company $29,240,000 was reversed by a higher court. The government's petition claims that if the decision is allowed to stand the fear is that the successful prosecution of corporations will be impossible.

A CHARACTER SKETCH.

James S. Sherman.

My Dear Prof. Atkinson:

I noticed in The Christian Sun a brief reference some weeks ago to Sherman, the Republican candidate for the Vice-Presidency. You deplored the fact that he was comparatively unknown. I take the liberty of writing a few words concerning my friend in order that you and your good people may have the benefit of some first-hand knowledge.

The Sherman stock goes back to Dedham, England. The first American ancestor settled in Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1634; was one of the founders of the colony; the first secretary of state in the colony.

The father and mother of James Schoolcraft Sherman were both Shermans, and made their home in central New York. His grandfather was a pioneer farmer in that region—a plain man of the people.

I remember "Jim"—as we always called him—when he first appeared at school (we prepared for college together in Whitestown Seminary, N. Y.)—an easy-going, good tempered, companionable boy—interpreting the world as a very pleasant and attractive place. His delightful home and early, congenial associations gave an optimistic turn to the boy. He had a way of looking on the bright side of life and he entered heartily into all the fun and frolic of the day. Care, worry—the strain of severe and laborious study—did not darken his brow, although he pushed ahead in a quiet, profitable way. When he entered Hamilton College (where I had preceded him), he impressed us as a capital all-round man, not so swift as some of his contemporaries in the mastery of scholastic problems, but a man of large grasp, keen observation, and rare judgment—a man of exceptional powers.

He soon forged to the front as an individual who must always be reckoned with—as a man of ideas, purposes and extraordinary strength. He had the manner of one born to take active part in affairs and he demonstrated his native force on numerous occasions. Gifted with commanding presence, a natural talent for public speech, the power to marshal his thoughts in statesmanlike fashion, he became an important figure in college circles and distinctly intimated to the observant man, that a notable and splendid public career awaited James S. Sherman. His intellectual breadth, his generous culture, his genial intimacy with men, his wide popularity, his remarkable ability to adapt himself to circumstances, forceful personality all combined to put him into a place of leadership.

No sooner had he begun the practice of law than his peculiar fitness for public office was recognized. First serving as mayor of the city of Utica he was speedily sent to represent his district in the House of Representatives at Washington, where practically he has served the country during the working period of his life—a parliamentarian without a peer in our country—profoundly versed in all the great political questions of the day—a tireless, faithful, efficient servant of the people—a patriot of high character, a true friend to rich and poor alike, loving both North and South, both East and West—devoted to the highest interests of this great nation.

A Christian gentleman, a wise and conservative counsellor, an eminent statesman, the master of assemblies—sound, reliable, steadfast, devoted and workful—he will grace and dignify the highest office to which this people may elect him—he will perform every duty with strength, wisdom and honor. James S. Sherman merits our confidence, loyalty and suffrage.

This brief and simple appreciation comes from a boyhood friend and college mate who has known "Jim" Sherman all his life and known him as a square, true man—a citizen exemplifying the highest type of American manhood.

Yours with profound esteem,

Frank S. Child.

Fairfield, Conn., Aug. 18, 1908.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"By Way of Remembrance."

If the Apostle Peter found it necessary to stir up the pure minded in regard to a truth in which they were already 'established," we may profit, if we will, by having our attention called again and again to a truth in which some of us may not as yet be very firmly established.

There are some who are established in the truth that it is the duty of the church to give the gospel to the whole world and they show their faith by their works, and some denominations are being "stirred up" to undertake more largely along this line than ever before. And this is so too in the case of some individuals. The Laymen's Movement has "stirred up" a great many folks on the question of missions. We would love to see the folks in our own church stirred more on this all important question. The battle against sin is being waged in well nigh all countries of the world now. God's cause is going to win but He is calling for volunteers to enter His army and re-inforce His ranks. Some have volunteered to go but as yet the money is not in hand to send them forth. They are praying that the means may be provided and their prayers are to be answered by us who stay at home and have the means to give. Some one will have to answer to God at His judgment for the meager support and hence partial failure of the mission cause. But what a privilege it is to so be at His disposal as to be used of Him to answer the prayers of His devoted servants for the supply of their needs. For the 2,685 missionaries in China $1,000,000 are provided for their support, but for the 850 American teachers in the Philippines the United States Government provided for the year 1904-05, the sum of $1,020,000. Upon this the following is suggestive: If the churches of the world were as wise and as conscientious in responding to the opportunities in China as is the American nation in the Philippines, the far Eastern problem would shortly be settled. Why should not such a real Christian business undertaking be made?" And we will do so when we come to realize that it is worth while. There is a with-holding in the church that tends to poverty. The missionary cause must have larger resources at her command or fail to enter the most inviting open doors. We give willingly to that which we love. We learn to love the enterprise for which we pray. As a church we are called upon to pray for missionaries and the cause they represent. Sunday, August 30, has been suggested as a special day of prayer along this line. Some will obesrve that day of prayer for they are in a habit of praying every day for the spread of the Gospel and for those who are carrying its sweet story to the ends of the earth. If we forget to pray as suggested on this day of special prayer we may well become alarmed. But it is to be hoped that this prayer may become a daily prayer on the part of more and still more of our people. Get the people to thinking, seeing and praying along the line of missions and we will have the solution of the problem. And "as ye pray for the heathen in darkness, ask largely but give as you pray."

"O! think of the blood that hath bought us,
O! think of the price that was paid,
And then at the feet of your Savior
Let your gold and silver be laid."

October is suggested as self-denial month for the cause of missions, and if we get to praying earnestly along this line we will find joy in denying ourselves for the furtherance of that cause for which the Savior gave His life. We know these things but it may help us to get "stirred up by way of remembrance."

W. D. Harward.

Corner Pocahontas and Killam Aves.,
Norfolk, Va.

NOTES FROM ENGLAND.

It was Sunday, August 2. I was in Keswick, the metropolis of the Lake District in the northwest of England, two hundred and ninety miles from London. Though this district to which I had come three days before by way of Derby, and Leeds in the Yorkshire hills, is one of exquisite mountain beauty, yet my heart was heavy with sorrow on receiving news of the death of Dr. J. H. Graham, whom I had bidden good bye before leaving for England at his home, Union Ridge, N. C., on the second Sunday in May. His life, so quiet and peaceful, on first acquaintance, had to me a sort of negative goodness, but later came to have a reserved Christianity in actual force that I have not often felt so powerfully in any other life. Such a life is like the strength of the hills sleeping in quiet grandeur, but becoming more sublime and impressive on near approach. Such hills surround Keswick, a little city of some five thousand people nestled like a child's playhouse in the basin of encircling hills and mountains that pierce the clouds. Here too is one of the most beautiful of English lakes, Derwent. As I approached this spot by coach from Grasmere, Wordsworth's home, on Saturday evening before, the sky with saling clouds here and there had suddenly become overcast. A mist enveloped Skiddaw and his brother peaks terminating in threatening clouds that rolled along the sides of the upper mountains threatening to deluge the valley. A little farther to the left and more directly in the west was a variety of color and splendor of cloud effect indescribable except to an artist. The mountains everywhere in this district are barren and are wrapped in a blanket of grass and fern. This green and golden brown blanket on the mountains in this particular scene was changed into many hues by the reflection of light from the clouds that hovered round the highest peaks and dragged their tattered skirts along the precipitous sides of the mountains. The sun was low and shot great shafts of red light into the boiling clouds around the summits. Now and then, a rift in the turmoil of cloud like a volcanic hole shooting upwards would send the red reflection of the sun from the upper clouds straight down the crater-like hole onto the dark green and gold of the lower mountains. It was nature's magic lantern show and moving picture machine that put to shame everything that man has devised.

On Sunday I had attended divine worship, in the morning, at the Congregational chapel. The first hymn was Oliver Wendell Holmes's,

"Lord of all being, throned afar,
Thy glory flames from sun and star."

Another was Charles Wesley's,

"O that I had a thousand tongues
To sing my great redeemer's praise."

And the closing hymn was by the American poet Whittier. The singing was full of spirit and life.

Later in the day I visited Crosthwart Church where, in the south aisle, is a beautiful monument and reclining marble effigy of Robert Southey. His tomb is in the quiet, beautiful churchyard where I mused for some time with varying emotions surging in the heart. A newly made grave yonder banked with withering flowers started anew the fresh fountains of grief; the glorious sun and clear blue sky and the encircling hills in solemn grandeur, all moved me to devotion to the God of the heart and earth and sky.

In the evening after sunset during the long twilight, I walked a mile or more down the lake and sat down on the brow of a bluff. It was a precious hour of meditation and reflection. In this little valley had lived Tennyson, Shelley, Coleridge, and Southey, and Wordsworth and his sister Dorothy had been frequent visitors from their home at Grasmere. The sky was without a cloud; a beautiful soft golden-purple tint was in west and northwest; the moon, a silver crescent, half into the first quarter, hung in the southwest an hour high over the mountains. The twilight thickens and the boats of visitors and pleasure seekers begin to go up the lake past me to the landing; the western sky changes from the golden purple into a darker, fainter red; a veil of mist fills all the valley and shrouds the mountains so that their dark, uneven tops stand out distinctly against the sky. Now, a quartet of male voices from a boat just distinguishable through the gathering gloom, comes over the water singing,

"When the sunshine, warm and tender,
Falls in splendor on the hills,
We shall know each other better
When the mists have rolled away."

The "night fell and all the land was dark." The stars came to their watch and looked silently down on the sleeping world. In the awful hush broken only by the liquid sound of mountain rills, the heart yearned for a knowledge of the life beyond and repeated to itself the lines of Wordsworth written among these mountains,

"Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:
The soul that rises with us, our life's star,
Hath had elsewhere its setting and cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our home."

W. P. Lawrence.

Edinburg, Aug. 4, 1908.

HOLLAND ITEMS.

There was a fire at Buckhorn near here last (Sunday) night. Br. Barret's store house, with all his goods, was burned. The loss was no doubt heavy, but we have not heard as to the probable estimate of loss, or how the house took fire. Mr. Barret did business in our place, here, a year or two, several years ago. He was quite popular whilst here, and was thought to be doing a successful business. He has the sympathy of his many friends here.

I did not attend Sabbath school last Sunday as I usually do, as I was feeling quite unwell—troubled with my cough, which I have had about two weeks. Deacon R. A. Riedel missed me, and thought there was some cause of my absence, and came to see me. We had a very pleasant time in social converse and to me a real enjoyable time. Bro. Riedel is a valuable member of our church here, and seems to be alive not only to all his duties as deacon, but alive to the church's best interest and profit. To him they seem to be a pleasure, instead of a task.

I did not attend the night service, as it was very dark, and I did not think it safe for me to venture out. I am glad to say my cough is not annoying now, though not fully relieved yet. I learn that Deacon I. A. Luke led in the exercises at night, and that the services as a whole, were much enjoyed.

We will, no preventing hindrance, have regular services here next Sunday, and in all probability, if a good day, have a good congregation. Fourth Sundays are our best days for a congregation, as there are no regular services at any church, of any denomination, near enough to divide the congregation on that day.

We heard, some days ago, that one of Dr. Atkinson's children had taken a relapse, and was dangerously ill. We hope she has entirely recovered now, and is at home with her parents. We know how it troubles parents to have one of their children ill. I had much of that experience when my children were very sick, in their infantile state, and even when they were older.

R. A. Holland.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

The following telegram was received Monday p. m., Aug. 24: "The Christian Sun, Elon College, N. C. Dedication Waverly Church (which was to take place Sunday, 30th) postponed indefinitely. Please publish this week. H. E. Rountree, Pastor."

The editor is glad indeed to be back at his desk again and to report both of his children, who have suffered several weeks of typhoid fever, much improved. We have no words to express thanks for the many letters and messages of sympathy and anxiety received, all of which were and are a source of constant strength and comfort.

It is announced elsewhere in The Sun this week that a suitable, and we are told, a very handsome monument has been erected at his grave in Montgomery County to the memory of the late lamented Rev. M. L. Hurley. A grateful people thus express in fitting fashion their appreciation of a life of usefulness and influence among them.

Mr. Rockefeller reached the limit of leadership in giving when he offered $1,000 for a monument to the memory of Joel Chandler Harris provided his friends in Georgia would give $49,000 Friends of the deceased decided that if they could raise all but one thousand they could get along with that somehow —without help from John. D. Good.

The many associates of his school days at Elon College, will regret to learn of the death at Burlington last Friday of Dr. E. L. Jeffreys. We knew him at Elon as Ernest Jeffreys, who after his college work studied dentistry and became a successful practitioner. He was a very popular and much esteemed man. Sympathies to his bereaved family.

The Collegian, of Defiance College, Ohio, for August is a very attractive number, freighted with wholesome and helpful contributions. It announces, we are pleased to see, that preparation is being made for the largest enrollment in the history of the College. Defiance, like Elon, improves its enrollment and efficiency year by year. And last year we believe had something like 250 students.

Prof. W. P. Lawrence returned to Elon College from his European trip Monday of this week. He was accompanied by Mr. A. C. Hall, of Burlington. Both have had a great trip and many rich and valuable experiences. Their letters to The Sun have been widely read and much appreciated by a host of readers who join us in thanking them for heir favors and in gratitude for their return in safety, health and happiness.

Rev. L. E. Smith assisted Pastor L. I. Cox in a successful and most edifying revival at Happy Home Church, Rockingham County, last week. There were fourteen conversions, nine accessions and the church much built up and strengthened spiritually. The week before Bro. Smith assisted Pastor Cox at New Lebanon, in Rockingham Co., there being six conversions and the church much revived. The doors of the church are to be opened for reception of new members at the next appointment, 2nd Sunday in September.

From the Berkley correspondence Norfolk Landmark, Sunday, 23: "There will be no morning service at Main Street Christian Church today, but the pulpit will fie filled at night by the Rev. Stanley Harrell, of Nansemond Co." Nay, beloved, not "Rev." yet, just a good, sane, energetic student in Elon College who is preparing himself for the ministry. Which same remark applies to our good brother J. W. Barrett, whom the same contemporary had as "Rev." in the same pulpit last Sunday. Our boys are coming all right, but do not claim the title yet till the college and their Conference give them diplomas and license.

We are delighted to reintroduce to Christian Sun readers our "Norfolk Letter." Our good brother, Dr. J. M. Manning, though an exceedingly busy man, has consented to write each week if possible, or as often as time will allow. Dr. Manning's first letter is filled with information that will interest Sun readers and proves that "he can if he will." The "Norfolk Letter," under Dr. J. P. Barrett's pastorate in Norfolk, was one of the most widely read and highly appreciated departments of The Sun, but since that time we have been unable till now to coax or cajole a regular letter from that important and influential quarter. Here is hoping Dr. Manning will write every week.

Our congenial friend and good brother, Rev. Frank S. Child, D.D., Fairfield, Conn., who by his eloquent lectures and splendid sermons at Elon College the past several years, has won such a large place in the esteem and admiration of all who heard him here, writes a very interesting character sketch of his long time friend, Hon. J. S. Sherman, now a candidate for vice-president, which sketch will be read with interest. In a kindly personal note Dr. Child adds: "Meanwhile let me tell you that I read The Christian Sun week after week, delighted to keep in touch with my Southern friends. As the years go my love of the South strengthens, perhaps because the many true friends there multiply and stick fast."

A distinguished recognition of the merit and ability of Prof. W. A. Harper, Elon College, as scholar, writer and thinker, is given in "The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal" of Chicago, for July and August. The Antiquarian is one of the most classical and scholarly bimonthly magazines published, having a wide circulation among men of letters in this country and in Europe, and none but classical articles of a high order are admitted. Prof. Harper's article has first and most prominent place in the July-August number, covers seventeen closely-printed pages and carries the title "Roman Bridges over the Tiber." Prof. Harper, who teaches Latin in Elon College, takes rank not only among the best Latin scholars of the day, but has done, and is doing, much original work in the ancient literature and customs of the Romans. Elon College is indeed fortunate in having as head of one of its most important departments a man of such weight and broad scholarship.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

President Moffitt has returned to the College much encouraged over the outlook for next session. Indications are for a very large proportion of old students with an increased number of new ones, especially from new territory.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones moved to East Dormitory this week. Prof. Lincoln and wife leave for their new home at Williamston, N. C., followed by the best wishes of many friends.

Prof. W. C. Wicker is a busy man. Returned from six weeks' canvass and holds protracted meetings at Shallow Ford and Long's Chapel before opening of school.

Uncle Wellons occupied the college pulpit twice during the summer. His presentation of the heart of simple gospel truth was surpassingly fresh and forceful for one of his age. His voice was stronger than years ago. Last Sunday he was at Sage Garden.

Rev. C. E. Newman, class of '99, was on the hill last week. It was predicted that the class of '99 would be one of the notable ones of Elon College. Three are already members of the Faculty, eight have been principals of graded or high schools, two entered the ministry, and one is in the foreign field. Seven have done post-graduate work in State University, Vanderbilt, Princeton, Yale, etc.

An unusual number of prospective students have visited the college recently and expressed themselves as favorably impressed with the institution.

Prof. Atkinson preached in the college chapel Sunday. He is a favorite here as a popular preacher of gospel truth and an interpreter of the voiceless yearnings and aspirations of the human soul. The real preacher, the man of power, is a teacher, but a teacher of spiritual truth, an interpreter of those questions to which the Spirit is always pressing home to the soul of the normal man for answer. The deep of realized realities in the soul of the preacher answers the deep of longed-for realities within us. The voice crying in the wilderness brings all classes as anxious listeners to the man of God. Neither education, culture, eloquence, nor logic make a preacher, but in the hands of God's messenger they are mighty weapons of war against sin, infidelity, and indifference.

Miss Jennie Herndon will teach in Greenville graded school next session.

Profs. Harper and Cobb are on the program for Sunday school convention at Bellemont Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Linda Barns will return to Waverly, Va., as teacher of music.

E. C.

TO ELON COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Application has been made for the usual special car from Norfolk, Va., to Elon College, over the Southern Railway, for the benefit of the students coming from that section. The train leaves Norfolk at 8 a. m., Suffolk at 9:12, Holland at 9:35, and Franklin at 9:55, making connection at Jeffress Junction and at Durham, and reaching Elon at 7:55 p. m., Tuesday, Sept. 1. Tickets can be bought and baggage checked through to Elon College from all points on the Southern.

In North Carolina—and, I presume, in Virginia and other Southern States also —"block tickets" can be bought by parties of ten or more at two cents per mile. So I suggest that in cases where ten or more come from the same point a "block ticket" be bought for the party.

It is hoped that all old and new students from all sections will reach Elon Sept 1, so as to be ready for the opening exercises Wednesday morning, Sept. 2.

The work of repairing, remodeling, renovating and painting the Hughes building is nearing completion. This building will be occupied by a young men's club this year, under the management of Messrs. H. E. and James Truitt. There are rooms in the building for from thirteen to sixteen students, besides a large kitchen and dining hall which will accommodate thirty or forty table boarders. Other rooms may be secured within easy reach of the club by those who do not get rooms in the building. This club will be run as heretofore—each student paying his proportionate part of the actual cost of living.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are moving into East Dormitory this week, and are renovating the rooms, and getting the building in readiness for the opening. Prof. and Mrs. Harper are busy at West Dormitory putting things in shape for the usual welcome to the young ladies. Mr. Pritchett, the curator of buildings and grounds for the coming year, has a force of hands at work on the campus, walks, tennis courts, baseball ground, and the Administration Building, and Mr. Coble, our engineer, is busy polishing his engine, dynamo, pumps, etc., getting ready to "break the spell of midnight darkness" that has ben hovering over us since the power plant closed down for the summer.

A force of hands is also at work on the power house well, in an effort to increase the supply of water for the coming year; and it is hoped that the effort may prove successful.

The prospect for the opening continues to be most encouraging—growing even brighter as the time draws near.

I trust that all have spent a pleasant vacation, and are now ready for the return to Elon Sept. 1.

E. L. Moffitt, President.

BETHLEHEM MEETING.

The meeting at Bethlehem, Warren Co., lasted three days, beginning third Sunday in August. The attendance was good and some interest manifested. There were three conversions and one accession and one reclamation. We had no ministerial help. The church building has been improved by the addition of blinds to the windows. We are expecting good influences from this church in the future. Herbert Scholz.

Macon, N. C.

Hon. W. J. Bryan delivered his first campaign speech at Des Moines, Io., and Hon. W. H. Taft his first at Hot Springs, Va., on the same day, August 21.

A New York exchange of Aug. 20 has this cheerful(?) note: "The automobile goes cheerfully singing on its murdering way. The counsel of the Board of Supervisors of Nassau County, the county adjacent to the City of New York on Long Island, says that sixty persons have been killed or injured in the county since the first of May."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Third Quarter, Lesson IX. August 30.

David Spares Saul's Life. 1 Samuel 26.

Golden Text—"Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you." Luke 6:27.

The good man Samuel has died. Saul thought that David might soon become king. The old hateful spirit would come back to Saul.

Once when Saul, with three thousand soldiers, had been hunting David among the rocky hills, he went into a cave to rest. Saul did not know that David, with some friends, was hiding farther back in the cave, so David might have killed Saul unawares but he did not do it. David only went quietly behind Saul, cutting off his long coat, and then went back to his hiding place.

The present lesson tells of David's long exile from home, hunted like an animal by Saul. David now has Saul in his own hands, but he determines to spare his life a second time, only taking Saul's spear and water pitcher. Orientals are in the habit of drinking water at all hours. It is customary to have an earth-ware pitcher of water within reach at night so that if one awakes the desired refreshment may be had without trouble.

The incident chosen for the lesson today manifests David's unwillingness to revenge his own wrongs upon Saul. Saul had only his feeling hurt by hearing David praised. His injury was not a real one. But if it had been, he took the wrong course. When we keep thinking about the wrongs done us, whether real or imaginary, then comes the wish to be revenged.

David's case was different from Saul's. He had real injuries to remember. He had been hunted as a fugitive for years. His life was in danger. If ever man had an excuse to retaliate, David had.

But instead, he chose a far wiser course in its effect upon himself and others. His course was that of forgiveness.

There are none who do not owe love and gratitude. We are all debtors one to another. These debts are not oppressive exactions, but what God demands. His Word says, "Owe no man anything." Now to obtain forgiveness, we must forgive.

The Word informs us that our debts may all be fully and freely forgiven. They can be so done by God, through Jesus Christ, on condition that we forgive.

It is necessary that we forgive that we be forgiven. This is necessary to our peace, hope and future salvation.

G. W. T.

THE MODEL TEACHER.

There is no Christian organization exerting a more powerful influenee for good than the Sunday school. Its purpose is to teaeh man of God and His will toward man, of the Christ and the life He lived, the plan of salvation, and to plant in man's heart the seed of regeneration and redemption.

Now if the Sunday school is to measure up to its purpose, and accomplish the work it ought to accomplish, the greater burden rests upon the teacher. In him the whole power of the Sunday school is centered, and in his hands is placed the responsibility of preparing the heart and sowing the seeds of good and truth. This place is second only to that of the minister of the Gospel. And often his task is even a more delicate one than that of the minister.

The Sunday school should be attraetive and not tedious, and the teacher is the one who must make it so. Comfortable Sunday school rooms, good music and the like will go a long way to make it attraetive, but unless the teacher is prepared to give to his elass strengthening and sustaining soul-food, your school will be a failure.

The model Sunday school teacher is the perfect teaeher and there has never been but one perfeet teacher. He is recognized as the great Master Teaeher and should be the example of all who aspire to teaeh. I shall tell you what I think the model Sunday school teaeher should be, how he should study and how he should teaeh.

First, what the Sunday school teacher should be. A great deal depends upon the kind of person you have for a teacher. His methods of study and teaching are of great importance, but the character and disposition of the person, the natural gifts and the influence of his life are of far great importanee. There are very few who are really gifted as teachers and it is impossible to make a teacher. You ean only train those whose talents suit them for teaehing. Many have drawbacks connected with their work as teachers, that unfit them for that position. Now I am not pessimistie in my views nor would I speak disparagingly of Sunday school teachers, for among them are the noblest Christians on earth, but I wish to point out some of the defects that make some teachers failures, hoping that some teacher may be benefited by the criticism and that some superintendent may be aided in selecting his corps of teachers, for with the right material to begin with there will be but little trouble.

Sunday school work must be directed and planned as carefully as any other work and there must be co-operation of effort among teachers and officers. Every teaeher who persists in following his own plans and methods and who will do nothing unless he ean do it his own way should be avoided. The self-ehosen teaeher is another that profits the school very little. I am not referring to those who manifest a willingness to work, but to those who push themselves forward as candidates for the position. This is generally a sure sign that they are not suited for the place. The indifferent teaeher who manifests no speeial interest in his work, the proselyting teaeher who would build up his elass at the expense of another, and the irregular teaeher who does very little when he is there and only goes when it is convenient will be found greater hindrances than they are helps.

There is a class of teaehers who have none of the above mentioned faults. They are good Bible students and never negleet their work, but somehow they never suceeed.

First and foremost in this elass is the overzealous teacher. At first you might think it impossible to have too mueh zeal, but there is zeal without knowledge, zeal that is not backed by common sense and tact, for instanee. One teacher may have a burning desire to save souls, and so crowds personal salvation on his pupils as to drive them from the class and perhaps from the school, while another by skilful teaching brings his pupils to Christ.

Next after the over-zealous teacher is the hobby-riding teaeher, the man with his own interpretation of the Bible who deems any other views contrary to his own and not worthy of consideration. Such a teacher parades his views on any and every occasion until people dread to hear him begin and heave sigh of relief when he coneludes. If such people are allowed to teach they will drive away every one except those who feel themselves bound by religious duty to attend.

There is great help for the teaeher in the proper use of the quarterly, but the quarterly is only intended to be a help in preparing the lesson. Some teachers substitute the quarterly for the Bible. They follow the quarterly from start to finish, ask the questions as laid down in the quarterly and accept nothing but the answers from the quarterly. Such a teacher may flatter himself by believing he is teaching, but he is starving his elass by giving only dry husks while inspiring, life-sustaining truth might be obtained from the word of God whieh, in the hands of the good teaeher, is a power unto salvation. The last of this hopeless class is the superannuated teaeher who far various reasons is no longer suited to teach. He has outlived his usefulness and should be retired from service. If you have teachers that are not suited for their position first try and reform them, and if this fails, substitute others in their places. Never let personal feelings keep a teaeher who is not suited to teach. When it comes to a choice between individual and the school decide at onee in favor of the school.

Care should be taken in selecting a teaeher to find one whose natural gifts and conduct make him an attraetive teaeher, one whom the pupils may regard as a friend, companion, and counsellor. By all means have a Christian, not simply a ehureh member, but a Christian whose inner life is pure and whose outward walk exemplary. The model teaeher should be willing to praetiee self-denial, and freely give up all doubtful things which might cause a weaker brother to err. He should be a regular attendant at church serviee. He should be versed in the doctrines of his ehureh, which differentiate his church from all others. He should know the history of his church and support it in all praetieal ways. Finally, the great purpose of his life should be to save souls. All his study, all his teachings, all his work should be to the end that his pupils may be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus. The test of his work will be, not how well he has studied or how much knowledge he has imparted, but how many souls he has saved. The model teacher should be a close student of the Bible. Daily study is the best. Time must be had for adequate Bible study and the study should be of the Bible itself. No knowledge of the Bible is so valuable as that whieh is gained first hand. He should know what he thinks of the Bible as well as what others think. Learn to study for yourself and having thought out the truths for yourself, apply them to your own heart and life. They are meant for you and when you realize the truth in your own heart, then you are prepared to teaeh it to others. Study the Bible as a whole. It is a eomplete book, and should be studied in that light. When you are familiar with the entire book then the particular lesson will deepen in meaning.

And now to the study of the partieular lesson. If it is possible read the entire book from whieh it is taken. This will give the setting of the lesson, put you in toueh with the spirit that prompted the particular passage you study, and introduce you to the people and plaees of the lesson. Now turn to the particular lesson of the day, and read it earefully until you know the story. Study the natural divisions of the lesson. Learn all you can of the character of the peo-

ple and the places that are mentioned, and when reference is made to the habits and customs of the people learn what those habits and customs were. These will help wonderfully in creating an interest in the lesson. But if you learn nothing else never leave off reading the lesson until you have learned the spiritual truth it teaches. Strive to think out everything that is implied in the lesson without the aid of helps or references. Then turn to your quarterly and lesson helps and see what others have learned from the lesson. Then apply the truth of the lesson to your own life and also to the individual life of each of your pupils.

When you have learned all you can and collected all the material possible carefully plan the lesson, select what you want to use and leave out the rest. Write out a list of all the questions that suggest themselves to your mind to be used as an aid in questioning, post yourself on the things that are likely to arise that you are not sure about, know what you are going to teach and how you are going to teach it, and in all your preparation don't forget to continually ask the Lord to direct you and to bless your labors with abundant fruit. Such careful and prayerful study will fit you for the teaching that accomplishes something.

But when you have completed your study you are just prepared for the work. You must know how to proceed when you face your class. There can be no fixed rules for teaching. You must adapt your methods to your class. However, if you are to accomplish results and make your work enduring you must review what you have previously studied. Never let a lesson pass without a review of the main facts and teachings of the former lesson. But don't make the mistake of devoting too much time to the last lesson and neglecting the present. After you have recalled the leading points of the last lesson don't jump to the present unless it immediately follows, but give them the connecting links between the two lessons. If several chapters intervent give a brief sketch of what is contained in them. Unless you do this your scholars will have a patchwork knowledge of the Bible.

When you have made the connection plain begin immediately with the lesson of the day. Carefully and accurately teach the facts of the lesson. Make your pupils understand that they are expected to know their lessons and question them so as to make sure they do. Hold their attention by well directed questions. Make plain what is not clearly understood and see that the textual meaning is clear. after you have gone over the lesson by the question method take up the topics of the lesson and show the divisions and their meanings.

When you have made the facts of the lesson plain bring out the truth the lesson teaches. In doing this if possible cause the pupils to think them out for themselves. If you question them carefully this can easily be done, and if the pupil thinks it out for himself he will be more likely to remember it. But don't stop here, make an application of these truths to the pupil's life, make them alive and full of meaning to him. That is to save souls for Christ and to measure up to the great privilege of the Sunday school teacher. And in the closing minutes of the lesson direct the attention of the pupils toward next Sunday's lesson and inspire them to a deeper study. To create an interest in Bible study, and give men and women a clearer knowledge of Biblical doctrines and Biblical history, to save souls for Christ, and thus broaded His kingdom on earth, is the work of the model Sunday school teacher, and it is the noblest service he can render God and his fellow-men.

The church has come to recognize in the Sunday-school teacher its most profitable servant. In the light of these multiplying demands the Sunday school teacher must do the work. If he heeds the call to a larger equipment for the service committed to him the blessings of God and his church will be upon him in greater power than ever before. But if he refuse or neglect his office let another take his place, for the church must see to it that its teachers are workmen of whom it needeth not to be ashamed.

Stanley C. Harrell.

FIELD NOTES.

Lamberts Point.

We appreciate the contributions that some of the friends of the work here have made in helping to cut down our church debt. Our property here is being paid for through the Building and Loan Association. Some other method might have been better to have begun with but as we have been in the Association so long it would be no advantage to us now even if we could get a straight loan at 6 per cent and take it out of the Association. We started in on a ten year term and have not quite four more years to pay. If we had $588 in cash we could pay out, and of course this would be the quickest way out, but as we are not expecting to get it all at one time we are hoping to get all we can from all we can. And every time we pay into the Association at one time the sum of $100 it cuts down our weekly payment 19 cents, which will amount to $9.88 per year, and at the end of the term we get the $100 back. And this would come in a good time as it is thought best that a different location would be better for our cause here. We would like to raise at least $100 each quarter above our weekly dues, which is now $3.22.

We will be glad for any help in raising this amount and will acknowledge receipt of same through The Christian Sun. The following have helped us:

G. D. DeBaum	$12.00
Thos. Vanderbery	6.00
M. P. Barrett	3.00
T. E. Brickhouse	25.00
E. J. Brickhouse	10.00
H. A. Crockett	10.00
O. S. Mills	5.00
B. F. Farrell	5.00
O. F. Smith	5.00
S. A. Etheredge	2.00

I know there are many calls for help at this time, "but while others on you are calling we do not want to pass you by." The Book says "give a portion to seven and also to eight," so if you get to us before you reach number eight we will expect to hear from you and will be glad to do so.

Rosemont.

There is no debt on the church here and the faithful little band manifest a disposition to help the cause elsewhere. Last Sunday night was our monthly mission service. We had a good service and a cash collection of $23.90 for missions, making a total for the year of $80.00.

Bro. W. C. McCloud and wife, who have been so helpful in the Sabbath school and church services here for the past year, conducted a farewell service for us Wednesday evening, August 5th. At this meeting the church presented them with a purse of $25 as an appreciation of their work in our midst. They are now in New York State with Sister McCloud's people. They expect to sail for Porto Rico about September 12th, where they have a position to teach in a government school. They have waited, hoping that the Mission Board might be able to send them to this field, but not knowing when the Board would be able to send them, they accepted school work hoping thereby to get some preparation for the mission work to which they feel the Lord has called them. May the Lord open up to them a way of great usefulness in that land.

W. D. Harward.

Newport News, Va., Aug. 19, 1908.

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Important Notice.—As readers will see, The Christian Sun is now published at Greensboro, N. C. The office of publication there is 302½ South Elm Street. Our editorial office, however, remains at Elon College, N. C., to which all letters and communications to the Editor should be addressed, as heretofore.

THE MANY SIDED JOHN.

Not a new thought now. Not even a bit of information. In a meditative mood—yes, editors sometimes meditate—the reflection was of a strange and high and holy man. Had you thought sufficiently of John—John the Divine, John the Beloved, John the Marvellous, that is to say, the Revelator? He is all one, and the three distinct and separate Books he wrote bear record of the several types of character attributed to him. St. John the Divine. He wrote the Fourth Gospel. And how strangely and wonderfully divinity breathes and broods there. There is no current of human thought so charged with divine power, purity and perfection as that which flows with majestic sweep through the Gospel according to John. The man who wrote that book refreshed his pen for every line and sentence from a flowing fountain of deep divinity. From the marvellous Logos of the beginning to the matchless "Abide thou till I come" of the conclusion, a mighty soul labors in travail to deliver in human and tangible form a Personality of such a divine type as the world never saw beside. John the Divine is he who labored in such masterful manner to draw the traits and set forth the deeds of one divine Person—the Son of God.

But John the Beloved? Go to the Epistles of St. John, First, Second, and Third. Read and read again. You will not have to consult "The Greatest Thing in the World" elsewhere. Your own heart will glow and gladden with a sense of the deepest and truest love that mortal man ever knew. St. Paul wrote, in the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians, the finest ode to love ever penned in all the languages. Be it so. But John's Epistles are not odes to love, not tributes to love, not descriptions of love. They are love. They thrill and throb and pulsate with love. In them God lives and speaks—and loves. Surely the man who wrote those Epistles was the beloved one—leaned once and again on the bosom of Love and drank deep drafts from that divine fountain. If you will read to the depths the Epistles of St. John you will never doubt again that the one who wrote them was the Beloved Disciple.

The Revelator? What visions this man saw! What wonders he beheld! What glories and grandeurs greeted this man's far-seeing eye! The Revelation is of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This marvellous and many-sided John was used as human agency to get the Revelation expressed in tangible form. The explanation is in chapter 1, verse 10: "I was in the Spirit * * * * and heard a great voice, * * * * saying." And John the Divine and the Beloved wrote out what the Voice said. That is all. Because John was charged with the spirit of deep divinity, and leaned on Love's bosom and drank from the depths of that infinite Fountain, he was permitted while in the flesh to see things in and of the Spirit. Revelation is wonderful because Jesus Christ was to be called, and is, the "Wonderful." Revelation is mysterious, because the Spirit is always and ever a mystery to the flesh. Revelation is deep and holy and high because the theme is heavenly, the contents are holy and the writer ranks highest among the many-sided men and great writers of this earth.

AN INCIDENT OF INTEREST.

In a most striking and comprehensive character sketch of the late Ira D. Sankey, the editor of the New York Christian Advocate relates this incident:

"Some twenty-five years ago, when Moody and Sankey were holding revival meetings in London, they went to a gypsy camp in the suburbs and held a meeting for the benighted Bohemians. This is the account given of what followed:

"'While Mr. Sankey was singing, a dark-eyed boy forced his way close to the carriage and finally climbed on the wheel, where he stood looking up into the singer's face. As the hymn ended, Mr. Sankey laid his hand on the little fellow's black curls. "God bless you, my lad," he said. "May He make a preacher of you." The boy never forgot the incident and it unquestionably influenced his choice of a career. Two years ago when Gypsy Smith, at the height of his fame as an evangelist, was in Brooklyn, he visited him, and kneeling at his bedside thanked God for the day when Ira D. Sankey sang the story of Jesus into the heart of the little gypsy boy.'"

Of course one Swallow does not make a summer, nor one instance prove a general theory. But instances illustrate, and even single signs signify.

The editor and other contributors to The Sun recently, have advanced the theory, and urged the practice, that if there were more prayer, on the part of God's people, in behalf of young men's being called to the ministry, we should see, not an alarmingly decreasing, but a constantly increasing number entering that sacred service. Mr. Sankey did not call Gypsy Smith to the ministry. God called him there. But it is exceedingly doubtful if Smith had been called there but for Sankey's prayer. God yet hears and answers prayer.

THE WATSON MEMORIAL.

It has been proposed, and very appropriately so, that the Christians join in erecting a fitting memorial to the late lamented Rev. J. P. Watson, D.D., who, as editor of The Herald of Gospel Liberty, and then later, and for many years, as editor of our Sunday School Quarterlies, and The Sunday School Herald, served the entire denomination with such marked devotion and efficiency. Dr. Watson was the beloved among us and simply gave his life to arduous labors in behalf of the church and the people he loved. In active service till less than two years ago, he knew not how weary and worn he was till the burdens and responsibilities of incessant toil were laid aside. The large circulation of our Sunday school literature, and the high degree of excellence that it attained, were due to the fruitful pen, the broad and cultured mind, and the loyal devotion of Dr. J. P. Watson as to no other man.

The proposed memorial should receive, as we believe it will, the hearty endorsement, and the united sympathy and cooperation, of our brotherhood in all sections.

An Executive Committee, with Rev. Thos. S. Weeks as chairman, has been appointed and we trust that Bro. Weeks and his committee will make known to Sun readers plans and purposes in detail. For one we most heartily endorse the movement and trust it may come to early fruition.

After a lapse of just 2,399 years Persia and Greece have resumed diplomatic relations, remarks a London paper. May they be friends forever hence.

NORFOLK LETTER.

The Memorial Christian Temple has granted the pastor, Rev. C. C. Ryan, a month's vacation. After spending a few days with Rev. J. M. Roberts at Damascus, assisting him in a meeting there, he left about two weeks ago for Spencerville, Ohio, where his family had preceded him, to spend his vacation there amongst his former friends and parishioners, by whom he is very highly esteemed.

Mr. Ryan has received a unanimous call to the Temple for another year, and has accepted. He has done a good work since coming to this field. He is deservedly popular, and his congregations are steadily growing all the while. Has received into the membership of the church this year about 35 members—and despite the fact that the Temple has lost several of its best contributors, they have kept up with their finances better, possibly, than for years past.

Rev. J. W. Barrett, of Lambert's Point, has been filling the pulpit while the pastor has been away.

I had a pleasant call yesterday from Rev. M. W. Butler, of Newport News. And by the way, I gather from reliable sources that Bro. Butler is popular and doing a good work for our Newport News brethren.

Mrs. Harrell, wife of our good brother, Rev. J. W. Harrell, has been very ill recently. Her many friends no doubt will be glad to know that she is now well on the road to recovery, and is spending this week at Ocean View in an effort to fully regain her strength.

Rev. M. L. Bryant, of the Main St. Church, is spending his vacation in the Valley of Virginia.

The Third Christian Church of Norfolk had the pleasure of having their pastor elect, Rev. J. Wesley Yantis, of Ansonia, Ohio, with them two nights this week, Wednesday and Thursday, and having him preach to them. On Wednesday the Baptist brethren of Park Place called off their prayermeeting, in order that they might join us in worship and in extending a cordial welcome to our brother who is soon to be our pastor. The pastor, Rev. R. J. Bateman, was present and participated in the services, as were quite a number of his people. This was a nice little courtesy that was highly appreciated both by the church and Brother Yantis.

The Memorial Temple also called off their prayer meeting to be with us Thursday evening. Rev. J. W. Barrett was with us and took part in the services.

A good many of The Sun's readers know of the Third Church and its progress, but possibly some do not. So a few words here with reference to the church and its pastor elect, Brother Yantis, might not be out of place.

The Third Christian Church of Norfolk is located in Park Place, the seventh ward, and one of the most rapidly growing sections of this fast growing city.

Several members of the Memorial Temple had made their homes in that section. Also there were several living there who were members of other Christian churches. More than a year ago, led by that untiring worker, Rev. P. S. Sailer, we began to agitate the matter with the result, that a site, 100X100 feet, was secured on a corner in a beautiful location, and on it was erected a temporary chapel, costing nearly $1,000. It is seated with opera chairs, and can seat about 200. It is heated with gas, and lighted with both gas and electricity. Everything paid for except a balance due on lots, three and four years hence. Nearly a year ago Brother Sailer organized the church with 30 charter members. There is a significance attached to the name, that you will readily notice.

As a mission point it is peculiar in three respects. First, it is located in a better section of the city than that in which we as a people usually locate our churches. Second, its membership is made up almost entirely of active, trained workers. Third, its house and equipment is paid for and it starts out free from debt. Realizing that it was a strong point and the possibilities of a strong church if the right man could be secured, we went cautiously about trying to find the man the Lord had for the place. During March we were privileged to have Rev. J. Wesley Yantis, of Ohio, to spend some days with us holding some services, with the result that a call was extended him to become our pastor. He accepted and agreed to come if Ansonia could be supplied agreeably to the brethren there. Just when it seemed that that arrangement was about to be made it failed. Then he said he could not get here before September 1. So we decided to wait for him. In the meantime we had been having preaching regularly on Sunday afternoons by Rev. C. C. Ryan. Since June 1 we have not had regular preaching but have kept our Sunday school going, and the ladies maintain an active Ladies' Aid Society.

Recently Bro. Yantis' wife has been very ill, and will necessarily delay his coming a little while. He was here this week to secure a house and complete arrangements for moving, which he hopes to do and take up the active pastorate October 1.

Bro. Yantis is a man of force and power. He is between 40 and 45 years of age; has been preaching about 12 or 15 years. He taught school for a good many years, both literary and music—quite a good soloist. Was for some years principal of a high school; is an orator of no mean ability, being considerably in demand for Chautauqua work and for memorial and commencement addresses. He is an evangelist, as well as a clear-cut, forceful sermonizer, of considerable force and magnetic power, holding his hearers and commanding attention, and above all has been wonderfully blessed of the Lord in saving souls—having held a meeting in three weeks after taking his present charge with the result of 114 conversions and 98 additions to the church.

J. W. Manning.

THE HURLEY MONUMENT.

A monument of North Carolina granite 14 feet high and costing $185 was erected on the grave of Rev. M. L. Hurley Aug. 15, 1908.

Since the last acknowledgement I have received $1 from H. C. Simpson and $1 from Col. A. Savage.

The monument has been paid for in full. Thanks to all who contributed.

W. S. Long.

Committee in charge:

J. R. Comer,
W. P. Lawrence,
W. S. Long.

HERALD CENTENNIAL—NOTICE TO DELEGATES.

It is important that all accredited delegates to the Herald Centennial at Portsmouth send notice of their intention of attending as soon as possible. Please notify the chairman of the local committee, Ralph W. Junkins, Portsmouth, N. H.

FROM WAVERLY, VA.

Rev. C. C. Jones closed the meeting at Spring Hill last Friday evening. There were seven converts and two accessions to the church.

He decided to remain over with me at Centerville this week. It was well he did. We had sixteen converts and seven united with the church. Others applied for membership to other churches. Bro. Jones proved himself a most excellent evangelist and endeared himself to the hearts of these people very much. He nor they will soon forget the blessed experiences. God was with us and we all shouted.

H. E. Rountree.

Waverly, Va., Aug. 21.

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Total reported last week $1,036.82

Dues:

Margarette E. Ballentine	$ .10
Holt Moffitt	.30
Mary Lee Foster	.10
James L. Foster, Jr.	.10
Ellen Myers	.05

Monthly S. S. Offering:

Palm Street, Greensboro, N. C.	1.08
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Mrs. Dora Morgan	.50
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Eight Pictures	2.00
Amt. 31st week	$ 40.45
Total	$1,077.27

Elon College, N. C., Aug. 21, 1908.

My Dear Children and Friends:

Uncle Jim has just returned from his trip to the Valley, Va., Conference, and is too tired and sleepy to write a letter, besides there is a lot of mail to answer. Glad you had a nice week while he was away; and the specials from the Valley add a nice little sum to this report. The Valley Conference has a great future, good people, and everybody works—rich lands and undeveloped resources make it one of the richest countries in the South. The churches need more preachers; I fear the work there is too much for those who are doing it. We are hopeful that quite a number of the Sunday schools in that Conference will make the monthly offering as requested by the Convention; Linville and Antioch are doing so now. We met many children and expect some new cousins from the Valley. We are grateful to the friends and churches for their kind reception and help given. At Bethlehem we had a large Sunday congregation, at the other points the congregations were small, owing to short notice of appointment. We like the Valley and her people and wish for all of them great happiness and prosperity.

The following donations have been received: Mr. Levi Tickle, Elon College, 5 bu. apples; Mrs. Willie Jones, Elon College, 2 bu. peaches. Mr. Kernodle, in last week's letter, should have been Bro. L. L. Kernodle, of Elon, instead of Graham, N. C., also Bro. W. D. Walker, instead of L. W. We appreciate all these donations. We prepare all possible for winter use, and the children enjoy the good ripe apples, and the pies are fine.

Let all who have money on hand for the Orphanage report same at once as we need it very much.

Love and best wishes to all.

Yours faithfully,
Uncle Jim.

Fuquay Spring, N. C., Aug. 8, 1907.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Have you room for another little cousin in your Band? I am three years old and want to join. Enclosed you will find my dime.

Your little niece,
Margarette E. Ballentine.

We would like to have 100 little girls just ilke you, Margarette, to send a dime each month. A hearty welcome.

Asheboro, N. C., Aug., 1908.

My Dear Uncle Jim:

How do you and the little ones like this warm weather? I like it all right, because it brings in such nice fruit. I wonder if all the little cousins enjoy watermelons as much as I do?

My dues this time amount to thirty cents, so will enclose it in this letter.

Fondly,
Holt Moffitt.

Well, Holt, if you could see our children eat watermelons you would think they liked them as well as you. They will eat them three times a day if allowed to do so.

Dear Cousins:

We are having so much nice fruit now which kind friends have given us that everybody is busy trying to save it. When the mellow apples and peaches come to the top then we little folks can help too, for we love to eat them and would eat too many hard ones I suspect if allowed to help ourselves.

We send our dimes.

Lovingly,
Mary Lee Foster,
James L. Foster, Jr.

Timberville, Va.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I come from the Valley, Va., and would like to join the Band of Cousins. I send my nickel, and hope it will help some little boy or girl.

Ellen Myers.

You are very welcome, Ellen, and we want you to be sure to write again, also to try to get your friends to write.

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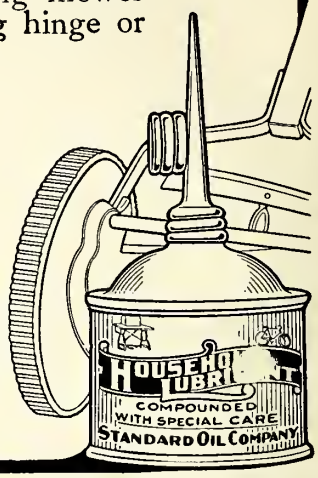

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VALLEY LETTER.

Eighty years of our existenee as a ehureh in the Valley, and sixty years as a Conference, is now written upon the pages of history. Last week we met in Conferenee session at Bethlehem, learned what had been done during the year, and laid plans for the year just beginning. We are glad to note progress along all lines of our work, and we believe the past year to be one of the most successful in our history as a Conference. Reports from ministers working within the bounds of the Conference show 575 sermons preached, 167 conversions, 102 baptisms, 44 leetures and addresses, and 179 members received. Two years ago there were nine banner ehurehes; last year there were thirteen; this year there were eighteen. Two years ago we raised on Conferenee apportionments $302.19; last year, $347.92; this year, $412.92. These signs of progress are very gratifying to us. Now as we are beginning a new year's work will not each member resolve to do his best part towards making next year's reports the most gratifying we have had yet? We are waking up a little to our responsibilities and our possibilities. We have, by no means, done our whole duty yet.

The eleetion of offieers resulted in Rev. W. T. Walters being chosen as president, Rev. L. L. Lassiter, viee-president, and J. H. Park, assistant seeretary.

Instead of making the usual appeal on the Conferenee floor for additional funds to carry on the mission work of the Conference, an assoeiation was organized under the name of "The Missionary Association of the Virginia Valley Central Conference." The following officers were eleeted: Rev. W. T. Walters, president, A. W. Andes, seeretary, and J. E. W. Bryant, treasurer. The membership for men is $5.00; for women, $2.50; for ehurches, Sunday sehools, Christian Endeavor Societies, ete., either $2.50 or $5.00 as they may eleet. Sixteen five dollar memberships, and three two and a half dollar memberships, were taken at the organization. The elaims of this assoeiation will be presented at the various ehurehes, and we hope by this means to seeure the assistanee of a larger number than by the method previously followed.

Rev. W. T. Walters was ehosen to deliver the annual address next year, with Rev. M. L. Bryant as alternate.

Dr. O. W. Powers, Home Mission Secretary of the A. C. C., Rev. W. F. Jordan, a missionary to India from the New Jersey Conferenee, Rev. J. H. Barney, Clearville, Pa., S. M. Atkinson, field agent for The Christian Sun, Dr. E. L. Moffitt, president of Elon College, and Rev. J. L. Foster, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, were present to represent their various fields, and by their words of eounsel, and able sermons and addresses, added much to the enjoyment and profit of the Conference. We hope to have these brethren with us again. Bros. Foster and Jordan will remain for several days visiting ehurehes.

Conferenee will meet next year at Newport, in Page County.

Now just a few words about the ehurehes whieh have been under my eare the past year:

Antioch.

Here we have some as faithful and loyal members as are to be found in the Valley. It is to be regretted that many of them live so far from the church as to render their regular attendanee impossible. They have a good Sunday sehool and Christian Endeavor Soeiety. We received during the year sixteen members. They overpaid their apportionment by $10.35, and the pastor's salary by $6.25, besides a Christmas present of $11.00. This is the seeond ehureh organized in the Conferenee (East Liberty being the first), the organization being effeeted in 1829. When the Conference divided at Edinburg in 1869 Antioch and Bethlehem were the only churches eomposing the Virginia Valley Conference.

Dry Run.

I have been pastor at this place less than a year. There are some loyal members here who have remained true to the church even though it was for some time without a pastor before I took up the work. I am able to give them only a Saturday night appointment, but hope some better arrangement can be made soon. With the nueleus we have now to work with and the opportunities before us there, Dry Run ought some day to be a church of some strength.

Joppa.

Situated in the Fort Valley and almost surrounded by mountains is the historic old ehureh known as Joppa. Previous to my eoming among them in June, 1906, they had been without a pastor for several years. Since my conneetion with them I have been able to see much improvement. Two members were received during the year. Their report to Conference showed everything paid in full.

Linville.

One encouraging feature of the work here is the large number of young people in the church and community. The year's work has been very pleasant and sueeessful. Forty-two were added to the roll during the year. They have a good Christian Endeavor Society, a missionary society, and a flourishing Sunday school, and some loyal members to stand by the work. Conference apportionments were paid in full, and pastor's salary overpaid by $7.60.

Mt. Lebanon.

The work here has moved along fairly well during the year. Lack of loyalty on the part of some is a discouraging feature, but there are others who are faithful. Congregations are large and composed largely of young people. Apportionments and pastor's salary paid in full. Seven members were received during the year.

Mt. Olivet (R.)

Our eause at this place is weak, but there are a great many outsiders in the eommunity whom we hope to bring into the ehurch. Five were received during the year. Some who united with the ehureh several years ago have moved away or backslidden. We have been cleaning up the ehureh roll and now, consequently, number sixteen less than at the beginning of the year. The report showed everything paid in full.

Palmyra.

Perhaps the most important thing done here during the year was building the ehurch. A neat, commodious house of worship now takes the plaee of the old school house in which services were held for 25 years. Four members were received during the year. Apportionments and pastor's salary paid in full.

Whistler's Chapel.

The ehureh here is weak. The members are, as a rule, poor and uneducated. Some are true and loyal. Apportionments paid in full. Two members were received during the year.

Wood's Chapel.

Here we have some faithful workers, but not enough of them to meet the actual needs. A lack of loyalty is apparent with some. As a whole this is a good working ehurch. Eight members have been added during the year. Apportionments and pastor's salary paid in full. The work here is, in some respects, somewhat diffieult, but the outlook is fairly good.

I shall preach at all the above-named churches again this year unless some better arrangements can be made. More active workers among laity and clergy is the crying need of the Conferenee.

A. W. Andes.

Harrisonburg, Va., Aug. 19, 1908.

SALMON SALAD: One can of ARGO RED SALMON, one-half pint celery and one-half pint Mayonnaise dressing. Free the salmon from skin, bones and oil; pick the fish apart and add the celery (which has been cut fine) and Mayonnaise dressing, tossing lightly. Season to taste. Save a little Mayonnaise to pour over the top.

TRUETT, ALABAMA.

Dear Bro. Atkinson: On Saturday before third Sunday in July I began my revival work with the church at McGuire's Chapel. The meeting was continued until Thursday night following. We had a good meeting. The interest was deep. While we had no additions to the membership of the church the work was left in fine condition. I have received two members here since.

I next went to New Home, where we had a powerful meeting which continued until Sunday. The interest increased from the first service. The Holy Ghost was with us in great power. I have seldom seen a church so completely revived. Eight members were added to the church. I went from here to Beulah Church and continued until Friday p. m. following first Sunday. Here we had another Holy Ghost meeting, of which we are all proud. This meeting resulted in untold good for the church. I have been laboring with this people for 16 years, and I think this revival means more for the church than any preceding one. Three members were received into fellowship.

I next met the people at Antioch, on second Saturday. I found among the congregation some things that hinder a revival, but I went to work in great earnest, and the Lord gave us a great meeting. The power of the Spirt came upon us and we all rejoiced together. Thank God for victory. I believe we accomplished more at Antioch in the few days' meeting than at any place I ever attended under similar circumstances. The church was almost completely revived and four new members were added to the roll. God be praised for what He has done for my field of work this year. I am under obligations to Revs. C. W. Carter and T. H. Elder for assistance rendered. After a four weeks' campaign I am at home trying to rest a little. I have been granted a free trip to Texas by the "Farmers' Union." I go as a delegate from the Alabama division, the first of September. I feel very grateful for this kindness, and am expecting a pleasant time.

Yours in the work,

G. D. Hunt.

ROANOKE, ALA.

The week following third Sunday in July I was with my father, C. M. Dollar, at Corinth Church. The Lord was with us there and we had a good meeting. Friday night of the same week Brother Hughes and myself started a meeting at a new point where we had an appointment since last fall. We organized a Sunday school there last April and it has been a great help. Wednesday following the fourth Sunday Bro. Hughes organized a church at this place. The church is known by the name of Rockstand. My father was with us two days. The meeting closed on Saturday morning with twenty-one members.

We are going to hold a few days' meeting the fourth week in August and we think will get several more members. God will do wonderful things for us if we will but ask Him. We are going to work to try to build a house as soon as we can. The Lord has wonderfully blessed at this place. Brethren, pray for us.

The week following first Sunday in August I was with my father at New Harmony. Tuesday Revs. J. W. Elder and T. J. Edmonson came in and helped us. The Lord was with us and we had a good meeting. There were five additions to the church.

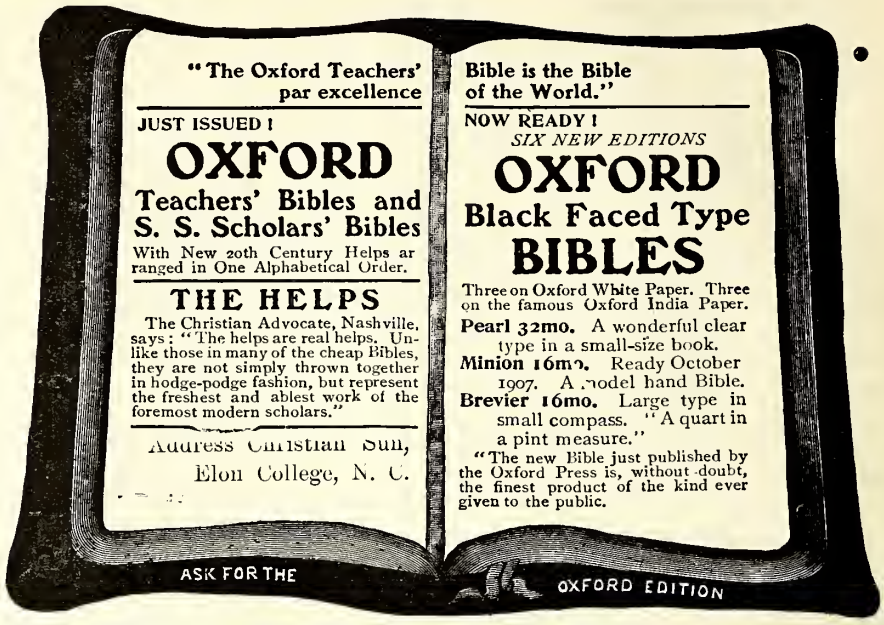
They remembered me with a nice donation for which I am very thankful

Our meeting started at Rock Springs on Saturday before second Sunday in August. Bro. Young was with Bro. Milan and did most of the preaching. The Lord blessed us there and we had a good meeting, with four additions to the church.

Brethren, let us try to keep the revival service in all the year. It is the Lord's will that it should go on all the time and if we will do our part the Lord will do His part.

Yours in the work,

J. D. Dollar.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THE CHRISTIAN SUN, Elon College, N. C.

BREEZES FROM BOSTON.

The Mission Council having concurred in the judgment of the home and foreign secretaries under whose direction the field secretary works, I am in Boston for the balance of the year.

We have a very peculiar situation here. We have a church property whose value is variously estimated at from $50,00 to $70,00. We are able to use this only a part of the time usually devoted to worship, for the reason that all of our people have moved away from that section of the city. Indeed, there are almost no American families in the neighborhood. We have, however, a great variety of foreigners. It is in the interest of these people from other shores that we hold services there at all. We have probably the largest Chinese Sunday school in the city. There are sixteen such schools here, many of which are doing excellent work. During the present month I have organized a class of Albanians. Sundays at 2:40 p. m. we have a Bible school in a hall in a section of the city known as Dorchester. This is followed by preaching at 3:15. The Bible school will be given more time when the weather cools a little as the result of these "breezes"(?). If anyone should suggest to you there is no room for the Christians in Boston, you tell them there is room for forty churches in Boston which will practice the principles upon which the churches of the Christians are founded. And, moreover, when these are established—if they ever are—there will still be a few unoc-

cupid places on some of these crooked streets where work like ours needs doing. P. S. Sailer.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 21, 1908.

CENTENNIAL OF RELIGIOUS JOURNALISM,

Portsmouth, N. H., September 15-17, 1908.

Every conference should appoint delegates or representatives to the Centennial Celebration at Portsmouth, N. H., September 15-17, 1908. The basis of representation may be the same as to the American Christian Convention.

N. B. Let all such representatives and all persons who expect to attend this notable gathering of our people send notice of their coming and of the time of their arrival to Rev. F. H. Gardner, Portsmouth, N. H.

Thos. S. Weeks,
Secretary Centennial Committee.
Troy, Ohio.

George M. Fitzgerald, a former assorting teller in the United States Treasury, was arrested in Chicago August 23 believed to be guilty of stealing from the treasury $173,000, which theft, made known, 18 months ago, created such a sensation.

The annual report of the Board of Public Charities for North Carolina shows that in addition to the strictly State institutions for the insane, deaf, dumb and blind, all counties in the State, except six, have homes for the aged and infirm. There are also 20 orphanages and child caring institutions in the State for the white race, and four for the colored race, all supported by private contributions. At which record our good commonwealth has no cause for shame.

Secretary of War Wright and President Roosevelt have rendered decision in the case of the eight West Point cadets reently found guilty of hazing by an investigation committee. The two ring-leaders have been dismissed, and the remaining six suspended for one year, to take position on their return one class below that to which they now belong. The young fledglings fared none too ill in Uncle Sam's hands, and the colleges are given a good example to pattern after.

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JNO. A. MILLS, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

Hon. John W. Kern was notified at Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 25, of his nomination by the Democratic Convention for the vice-presidency, and accepted with appropriate remarks. All the candidates have now been informed that they have been nominated.

DIED.

Shifflet.

Ina Shifflet, little daughter of James and Fannie Shifflet, was born Aug. 27, 1907, and died Aug. 4, 1908, aged 11 months and 10 days. Funeral at Wood's Chapel. Though the home is sadder for these parents because their little one is gone, heaven is brighter and has more attraction for them than ever before. Though they cannot call little Ina back they can some day go to her.

A. W. A.

Clatchey.

Alfred B. Clatchey departed this life Aug. 8, 1908, at the age of 51 years, 10 months, and 22 days. He is survived by his father and mother, two brothers, two sisters, wife and five children. For two years he has been in failing health, going finally to Baltimore for treatment, where death overtook him. His remains were sent back to his home in Harrisonburg, and from there taken to Linville where the funeral was preached and the interment made. The local Order of Elks, of which he was a member, attended in a body and took part in the services at the grave. He was of Quaker persuasion, and is highly spoken of as a good and honest man. A. W. Andes.

Fulk.

Mrs. Catharine Fulk, relict of the late Josiah Fulk, died at the home of her son-in-law, John W. Tate, Monday, Aug. 18, 1908. Her death resulted from paralysis, having received the third stroke Thursday, Aug. 13, 1908. She was born in Shenandoah County, February 22, 1835, and lived in that county until her family removed to Fulk's Run. Her maiden name was Hess. She leaves to mourn her departure, two devoted daughters, Mrs. J. W. Tate and Miss Emma Fulk, both of Amberly, Va.; also two brothers and two sisters, Abram and Raphael Hess, and Mrs. Amanda Ritchie and Miss Angelina Hess, all of Fulk's Run; and one step-son, Nathan Fulk, of Linville, Va.

When about twenty years of age, she united with the old school Baptist Church at Mt. Pleasant, near Fulk's Run, and for more than half a century lived a consistent Christian life. She was a woman of many sterling qualities, and was held in highest esteem by those who knew her. Mrs. Fulk had been a widow for 27 years, and during the later years of her life she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Tate, and during this time she worshiped with the family at the Christian Church, Antioch, in Rockingham Co., Va.

During the last six years she has been a great sufferer, but was never heard to murmur or complain. This good woman was ready to depart and be with Christ, and expressed great desire to go.

She was not conscious after she was stricken, except momentarily. Her son-in-law, Bro. J. W. Tate, was summoned to her bedside by 'phone, while attending conference at Bethlehem. She died at the ripe age of 73 years, 6 months and 5 days. The funeral was conducted from Antioch Christian Church at 11 o'clock a. m., Aug. 18, 1908, by the writer, assisted by Rev. A. W. Andes. Interment in Greenmount Cemetery.

The Lord bless and comort the bereaved ones. L. L. Lassiter.

May I, in the humblest Christian spirit possible, say that I am indeed sorry that the purpose of my recent letter in The Christian Sun was misunderstood and was the occasion of offense? I am sure it was not my intention to reflect upon any church or school or to give offense to any brother. My only motive was to do good and contribute to the progress of Christ's kingdom and the upbuilding of the Christian cause. If my zeal was misdirected and I stepped beyond proper bounds, I beg the brother's pardon, and trust he may deal charitably with me. Yet I am of the opinion that if he will study my letter carefully he will find no cause for offense. I censured no school, neither did I blame any one. I simply stated facts, and then asked the delinquent schools why they did not bring up their mission apportionment? If a church of my charge should fail to meet its obligations with conference I would consider that conference or any member of conference would have a perfect right to ask why we had not complied with its reasonable requests. Being a member of the Sunday School Convention, and deeply interested in its progress, I felt that I had a right to ask questions.

A brother accuses me of being uncharitable in my camparisons and a little too personal in my remarks. In answer to these charges I beg to say that space would not allow me to mention the names of the entire sixteen schools that failed to bring up their apportionments, neither could I mention the names of the twenty-four schools that paid their apportionments. And to show that it is not a question of ability I compared three of the older and well established churches, whose schools failed to bring up their mission apportionments, with three of the younger churches—two of them being mission churches—whose schools paid their mission apportionments.

I plead guilty to the charge of having mixed the Sunday school and church. They need to be mixed; I only wish I could mix them more—get the church into the Sunday school and the Sunday school into the church and get every one to work, then we would accomplish something. But after all I believe the brother will agree with me in saying that a school of 63 members and a church membership of 250 back of it can raise $9 for missions as easily as another school with 113 members, backed by a mission church of only 85 members, can raise $13 for missions.

I know the country church has its peculiar problems and difficulties. I was reared in the country and brought up in a country Sunday school and church. For ten or more years I rode (when I did not have to walk) three miles to attend Sunday school; and if my memory serves me correctly I attended a little more faithfully than a great many of our city pupils. And then I have had the pleasure of serving four different country churches as their pastor, and in this way I learned of the problems that confront the country church and Sunday school; and while I am perfectly willing to concede that the country church has its difficulties, yet it is my humble opinion that the city and town churches also have difficulties. And I am rather inclined to believe if our country brother should undertake mission work in the city or town he would find problems equally as great as maintaining a Sunday school in the country. Especially is this true of work in cities where other denominations have older and well established churches, with a large and influential membership and well equipped buildings, while you have a small membership and a poorly equipped place for Sunday school and preaching service. This is the kind of competition that every one who undertakes mission work in the city or town has to face. And I believe if our brother should serve for a number of years in this capacity he would not think it unfair to compare the country work with the city or town work.

I never like for any one to get the wrong impression concerning me or my work, therefore I beg to say that the South Norfolk work is not so large and flourishing as the brother pictured. The church was organized four years ago with sixteen charter members, and at the same time a Sunday school was organized with perhaps forty members. Though their numbers were small, yet both Sunday school and church have labored faithfully and sacrificed nobly and under the blessings of God each has made steady gains; the church now numbers 85 and the Sunday school 160, and the church has property worth at least $3,500, with an indebtedness of $1,300.

While Conference has encouraged the work with liberal financial aid the church has shown it appreciation by doing what it could. The members and friends of the church have contributed to the work from year to year more than double the amount received from conference. My books will show that last year their contributions amounted to nearly $900. And in addition to this the church met its obligation with conference and the Sunday school paid its apportionments to the convention. But let me say this was not accomplished without effort and sacrifice.

All this has been said with the hope of better explaining the purpose of my former letter that I may be properly understood. In closing I want to say if our conference is to measure up to its opportunities and make the largest contribution possible to the Christian cause each church and school, irrespective of its location, must meet its problems faithfully and be loyal to the call of conference and convention. I am glad to say this was almost true of our last Sunday school convention. Of the forty-one schools in the convention, thirty-nine were represented, the regular convention fund paid almost in full, and 85 per cent of the mission apportionments. This is an encouraging record. J. O. Cox.

South Norfolk, Va., Aug. 15, 1908.

THE WATSON MEMORIAL.

We are gratified with the response given to the suggestion concerning a memorial to the late lamented Dr. Watson. It seems to have been timely, and it certainly is fitting that we should honor the life and labors of such as he.

It may be of interest to the brotherhood to know that steps are being taken for the accomplishment of the purpose suggested by the action of the Troy church.

A large and influential committee representing all our conferences and conventions has been named, and their cooperation will be sought in an effort to carry out definite plans which may be formulated by an executive committee of seven appointed at the suggestion of the Mission Council. You will hear from this committee in a short time, and we trust their plans may be so acceptable to the brotherhood at large that general interest and united effort may be secured.

Wait for a report from the committee, and be ready to work under their direction, so that harmonious plans may secure the best results for a worthy cause.

Thos. S. Weeks,
Chairman Executive Committee.
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Former vice-President Adlai E. Stevenson is now Democratic candidate for Governor of Illinois.

About fifty million copies of the Moody and Sankey's singing books have been sold, enough, if distributed, to have one in every home in the land.

In the State of New York there is a death from consumption every thirty-six minutes in the year. The white plague still baffles the skill of man.

When our Atlantic squadron sailed into the port of Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 20, it is reported that a half million Australians gathered along the shore to welcome and shout greetings.

That wonder of modern steamship construction and travel, the Lusitania, has again beat her own record across the Atlantic, having come over in 4 days, 15 hours, and 25 minues, thus lowering by 3 hours and 15 minutes her previous unparalleled record.

Last week Hon. James S. Sherman was formally notified that he was the nominee of the Republican party for vice-President, and Hon. E. W. Chaffin that he was the nominee of the Prohibition party for President. Both accepted and made suitable addresses.

Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, having attained on last Tuesday a. m. the age of 62 years, was placed on the retired list of army officers and may spend the rest of his days in ease and leisure, with a sufficient salary, he having served his country bravely and well for 45 years. "Fighting Bob" has earned his retirement and rest.

John Early, of Lynn, N. C., was found in Washington, D. C., last week suffering from a well developed case of leprosy. Early was in the army for nine years and is supposed to have caught the deadly disease in the Philippines. He has a wife and child at Lynn and was in Washington at a Salvation Army mission when discovered with the leprosy.

Nearly fifty years ago the Government issued bonds to the amount of $64,000,000 to aid in building a transcontinental railroad. Interest was paid on these bonds until the Government was out $138,000,00. This amount has gradually been paid back in full, the Union Pacific having settled its account in 1897, the Central Pacific, the largest debtor, just having paid the last dollar of its obligation.

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